In the drawings

Please enter the new sheets of drawings in Appendix "A" showing new Figures 17 and 18 (previously submitted without a header "New Sheet").

Remarks

In the Office Action the Examiner has required amendment to the drawings. The drawings were previously amended with appropriate headers. However, new figures were added in Appendix "C" that did not have the header "New Sheet" thereon This has been corrected by the enclosed sheets in Appendix "A".

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 USC section 102 as being anticipated by Hachmann (USPN 3,032,119). That rejection is respectfully traversed.

In Hachmann the blades in a set are not attached to one another. See for example Figure 3. Hachmann describes the mounting of the blades at column 2, lines 66 and 67 as follows:

"The blades are flat and rectangular and are mounted on shafts 21 which can be rotated to vary the pitch."

Applicant is claiming (Claim 1) blades which are attached to one another. See for example figures 17 and 18. Further, they are interconnected with braces (Claim 2 as currently amended) and are disposed at different angles to one another (Claim 3 as currently amended).

Currently amended Claim 4 delineates a specific arrangement of attachment between the blades.

Accordingly, the claims are not anticipated by the cited reference.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested as is an early notice of passing of the case to issue.

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